

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, the foregoing amendment, and the following remarks.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's willingness to conduct an interview with the Applicants' representative on June 9, 2008.

By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been amended, claims 2-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for filing in a continuation application and new claim 7 has been added. Thus, claims 1 and 7 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Newell, U.S. Patent No. 5,651,064 (hereinafter, "Newell") in view of Downs et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,574,609 (hereinafter, "Downs"). It is noted that claims 2-6 have been canceled, and claim 1 has been amended. To the extent that the rejection remains applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicant hereby traverses the rejection, as follows.

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner in the aforementioned interview held on June 9, 2008. Further, the Examiner admitted in the Advisory Action dated July 29, 2008, as in the aforementioned interview, that the newly added features of claim 1, as amended, are not disclosed by the applied art of record. For at least this reason, the Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentably

distinct over the applied art of record and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claim 7

New claim 7 claims a system and recites features substantially the same as those of amended claim 1. Therefore, the Applicants submit that new claim 7 is patentably distinct over the applied art of record for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to amended claim 1.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 7 are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.


Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this

communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing client matter number
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Respectfully submitted,

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